

# BUFFALO BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY  
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February 1997

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

### **NASTY VIRUSES**

The truth about the emergence of new viruses

**Saturday, February 22, 1997**

Time - 11:30

Luncheon at

**The Protocol Restaurant**

6766 Transit Road, Williamsville

(just north of the Depew exit of the Thruway and south of Wehrle Drive)

Send reservations to Carolyn Iadovito by February 15th

See reservation form on page 9

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*M*y best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year for each of you. As we begin the new year and come closer to the end of one millennium and the beginning of another, it seems appropriate that the Buffalo Branch of AAUW consider where it has been and where it's going. The Board met on January 8th to attend a strategic planning workshop conducted by Barbara Carier. We need your input as well. Hopefully when you are asked, you will take part in the ongoing conversations and discussions which will result in our adopting a strategic plan.

I know we are all proud of our Association which has over the last few years made a significant impact on what we think about the education of young girls through it's research program and publications. In fact, many of us have joined AAUW because of it's pivotal role and national prominence, but now it's time to focus on Western New York. What do people think of when you say you are a member of the Buffalo Branch of AAUW and you invite them to become a member or to come to a meeting? What do you like about our organization and what irritates you?

For background, you may want to reread the October and November issues of our newsletter for current information on the state and branch strategic plans or the article on strategic planning which appears in this newsletter.

Then, either call or write, Diane

Silvestro, President-Elect and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; or committee members Bunny Blackstone, Ann Hicks, Rita Cascia, Judy Bratty and Judy Weidemann; or one of the board members and let us know what you think should be included in our strategic plan.

by Karen Noonan

### NOTICE:

#### Chamberlin Loan Fund

Please note a change of address for the Chamberlin Loan Fund. It is

Chamberlin Loan  
P.O. Box 397  
Amherst, NY 14226



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## AAUW BUFFALO BRANCH STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday-German Study Group meets on an irregular basis. For information about dates and location, call Renny Ferber (836 3277) or Gloria Beutner (838-1273) if you plan to attend.

2/97 Sunday-Mollie Fleysner Memorial Music Study Group will not meet.

2/13/97 Thursday-Crafts Group will meet. Call Barbara Dascomb (685-2079) if you plan to attend.

2/18/97 Tuesday-Book Review Group will meet at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Grace Kenline, 155 Westchester Blvd., Kenmore, NY. She will review *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle. Call Grade at (877-0734) if you plan to attend.

2/19/97 Wednesday-Dinner by the Book will meet at Country Kitchen, 2075 Niagara Falls Blvd. Myra Menti will review *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Please call Karen Stephenson at (835-6271) for reservations.

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## BUFFALO BRANCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

There's still time to nominate someone you think deserves this recognition. You are encouraged to submit nominations to the Achievement Award Committee c/o Karen Noonan by February 21st, 1996. The award will be presented at the branch luncheon in May.

The Buffalo Branch Achievement Award has been presented annually to a

woman in the Western New York area since 1940. The award recognizes the various achievements and contributions of women in our community. Selection criteria focus on those activities and achievements which reflect personal and/or professional involvement and commitment to promoting equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change. The 1996 recipients, Betty J. Cappella and Geraldine E. Bard from Buffalo State, were recognized for their contributions in establishing Project F.L.I.G.H.T. (Family Literacy for Intergenerational Growth and Home Teaching).

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## BRIDGES FOR EDUCATION

Bridges for Education (BFE) was founded in 1994 to promote tolerance and understanding using English as a bridge. Since 1964, Bridges for Education has sponsored volunteers to teach conversational English in Eastern and Central Europe. In 1996, over 100 teachers taught almost 1000 teenagers and college students from Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine, at 8 language camps. Are you interested in joining them this summer?

Teachers teach conversational English and American culture for three weeks in July at camp sites in the country or city. Teachers live in dormitories with the students and share meals together in a cafeteria. Accommodations are basic. Morning sessions are held in the class rooms and afternoons and evenings are

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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members for December

Elizabeth Eisenhauer  
457 Richmond Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
Phone 881-1085

She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology at Buffalo State College.

Marcia VanDewark, Ph.D.  
20 Peters Circle  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
Phone 695-8088

VanDewark earned her Ph.D. at SUNY at Albany and is presently a professor.

Elenora M. Heffner  
19 Penhurst Park  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
Phone 882-1514

Heffner earned a bachelor of arts degree from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and a Master's degree from Trinity College in Connecticut. Heffner is presently Assistant to the Chairman Department of Computer Science at SUNY at Buffalo.

The new and prospective member orientation will be held on Wednesday March 19th at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Carol Jamieson at 125 Chatham in Buffalo. Please call Rita Cascia at 625-4031 if you plan to attend. Bring a friend!

Rita Cascia  
Membership Recruitment VP

## Used Book Sale, Continued from January

Although she had no interest in sports, Mollie Fleysher did make two forays onto the sports scene with me.

In 1982 the Buffalo Bisons were the farm team for the Pittsburg Pirates who were coming to Buffalo to play. Mollie accompanied me to an Aud Club luncheon where we planned to get baseballs autographed. We circulated among the players, and Mollie, with her sweet smile and charming manner, got the autographs, although I'm sure she didn't recognize any of the players. (I didn't recognize too many either.)

But we got our autographs, and picked up some memorial mugs for the sealed bid sale.

On another occasion we met with Bob Lanier at a senior center on Kensington Ave. to get an autographed basketball. I had met him earlier when he was still at St. Bonaventure, but was home with a broken leg. He signed several items for us at that time.

When I read that Jesse Owens, the Olympic star, would be in Buffalo in July of 1976, I arranged for Myra Menti and me to meet him at the Sheraton East. He agreed to have Arco, his sponsor, send us a large framed poster of his Berlin win for our sealed bid sale, which would be held the following April.

A week before the sale opened, it still hadn't appeared. Finally, the morning the sale opened, it was delivered. It brought a bid of \$100, a substantial price in those days.

With Ruth Warren, a member now

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## You're Invited! so Begin Planning.

**What:** The Power of One,  
AAUW's 1997 Convention

**Where:** The Disneyland  
Hotel, Anaheim, California

**When:** Saturday, June 21  
to Tuesday, June 24, 1997

**Who:** You!

**Why:** Because now--more  
than ever--we need the  
power of every one of you

Start planning now for the  
June 1997 AAUW Conven-  
tion in sunny California--it  
will be here before you  
know it! Join us one and all  
to plan AAUW's future  
course and to celebrate the  
difference each AAUW  
member has made in the  
lives of women and girls.

This year's convention is  
sure to be a powerhouse.  
The schedule listed below is  
just a sampling of what you  
can expect next June.  
Former Texas Gov. Ann  
Richards will be the fea-  
tured speaker on Monday,  
June 23. An outspoken  
advocate for education and  
women's and children's  
issues, Richards will inspire  
attendees with her energy,

humor, and commitment.

The 1997 convention theme this year, The Power of One, celebrates the power of one person, one branch, one state organization, one congressional district, to make a difference. This is the concept that underlies everything AAUW does today and all that we've accomplished in our 115 years. Your presence is desired at this year's convention to keep that spirit alive!

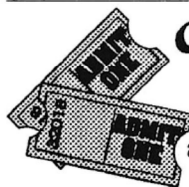
More information will be given in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1995 - 1996 ELECTED OFFICERS

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## Cultural Events

What a great variety of attractions are being presented in February! Let's start with Shea's Buffalo, where dance begins the month. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet takes the stage on February 1, followed by Mazowsze, the national folk dance troupe of Poland on the 8th. On February 12, a touring company of the New York City Opera will perform "La Boheme". From February 18 to February 23, Shea's offers "Smoky Joe's Cafe", a Broadway Musical.

Also on stage are many productions which began in January. Check the Friday *Gusto* for that information. Beginning in February Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" will be at the Kavinoky Theatre. Don't forget the AAUW fundraiser on Friday, March 7. On a lighter note, the Lancaster Opera House will present O'Connell and Company's version of "Hello, Dolly". Rockwell Hall will stage a multi-media presentation entitled "Through the Eyes of a Friend: The Story of Anne Frank" from February 3-5.

In the realm of music, the February offerings are varied. The Amherst Saxophone Quartet will showcase the music it plays on tour at three different venues on February 5, 7 and 11. The BPO offers violist Roberto Diaz on February 8 and 9 and flutist Christine Bailey on February 23 and 24. The pops series includes the music of Gershwin on February 14 and 15 and of Andrew Lloyd Weber on February 28 and March 1. The Buffalo Chamber Music Society showcases cellist Carter Brey and pianist Jon Kimura Parker



on February 25 and the Slee Beethoven cycle continues with the Muir String Quartet on February 21.

Happy Valentine's Day, President's Day and Black History Month.

submitted by Judy Summer

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filled with field trips and other activities. Teachers must have state certification or have successfully taught in a private school or college.

Orientation and training are provided by BFE, which also negotiates the three week room and board, organizes the evening and week end activities and a fourth week of travel and sight seeing in the host country. This "mini Peace Corp. program" was founded by Mrs. J. Beth Ciesielski from Amherst who serves as the Executive Director. The total cost of the four week program, is \$1600. If you are interested in volunteering contact Don and Shirley Orton, BFE Senior Program coordinators at 167 East Main Street, Springville, New York 14141-1205 or 716-592-4090.

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## Dates to Remember:

March 15, 1997; 11:30 - Branch Meeting. The place will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

April 20, 1997 - Application for Five Star Status is Due.

May 2-4, 1997 - State Convention at Saratoga Springs.

May 1, 1997 - Early Bird Registration for Association Convention.

## AAUW Educational Foundation: A Legacy of Advancement for Women

As we move into the second month of the new year, we need to reaffirm our long standing commitment to EF. Soon we will all be called upon to offer our support to help plan, organize and run our major EF fund raiser, the Annual Used Book Sale. Once again we are grateful to Bunny Blackstone who is serving as the chair for the 1997 sale. Watch for details in every newsletter. Volunteer. We will need your help. You can be specific about what you can and cannot do but plan to participate in some way and become better acquainted with other members of the Branch. As a Branch we have been able to contribute substantial sums to the Foundation. This has been as a result of the contributions of many members including remarkable leadership, outstanding cooperation and essential resources.

Although not fully funded yet, the Buffalo Branch Centennial Endowment is supporting one of the recipients of the Selected Professions Fellowships. Valerie Bradley is a UB School of Law student. Her plans include opening a law office in inner-city Rochester and one day becoming a family court judge. She was one of 166 applicants eligible; forty-four were awarded for 1996-97. We hope that she will attend one of our Branch meetings this year.

Another Buffalo Branch Endowment has been designated to support jointly a community action project. The Females,

Physics, and Outdoor Education project was developed by Mary Ellis and Cynthia Slotkin in Kent Elementary School in Carmel, NY. Through an outdoor education program, these elementary school girls will learn about potential and kinetic energy and simple machines such as gears, levers and pulleys. This was one of fifty-five grants (selected from 155 applications) to be awarded for 1996-97.

### Girls in the Middle: Working to Succeed in School

This latest report from the Foundation offers a close-up look at how adolescent girls meet the challenges of middle school and provides a new understanding of ways schools can use various educational reforms to create an equitable environment for student achievement. If you missed the January branch meeting where the video was presented and discussed, you are welcome to borrow the video in order to be more familiar with the significant groundbreaking research being done by AAUW. Or if you know of a group that might be interested in a similar presentation, please contact Barbara Carier or Judy Wiedemann.

Submitted by Ann Hicks

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deceased, I had the pleasure of visiting Joe McCarthy in his Ellicott Creek home. He signed baseballs, Hall of Fame cards, and even a memorial edition of Grantland Rice's book for us. He seemed lonely, and we visited him several times, which seemed to please him.

Next month: The Sealed Bid Sale Ends

## February Branch Meeting

### NASTY VIRUSES

Come find out the truth about the emergence of new viruses of medical importance.

The speaker will be:

Dr. John Hay, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chairman  
Department of Microbiology  
School of Medicine and Biomedical Science  
State University of New York at Buffalo

Dr. John Hay has been a member of the Buffalo academic community since 1991. His delightful accent will immediately reveal his Scottish heritage. As a virologist, Dr. Hay has studied many viruses with perhaps most emphasis on the Herpes group of viruses and specifically Varicella Zoster virus, the cause of chicken pox and shingles. However, his more recent interests have been on the new viruses emerging in various parts of the world. If you've read The Hot Zone this is your chance to get the real truth about ebola as well as other viruses such as hanta that you may not have heard about.

Dr. Hay is the author of over 80 scientific publications spanning his work in Scotland and the United States and is an often invited speaker at scientific sessions all over the world.

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### Member News:

Word has reached us that Marjorie Milius sends wishes that the New Year be happy and healthy for all. Many remember Marjorie as having received special recognition from Matilda Cuommo for her excellence in work with water colors. She is currently at a Blocher Home after having a double hip replacement. She sends thanks to everyone who sent cards and best wishes to her during this past year.

Ruth Fontaine, a long time member of AAUW, Buffalo Branch, is now residing in the Harris Hill Nursing Home. Cards may be sent to her at the nursing home; 2699 Wehrle Drive; Williamsville, 14221.

#### Note Change of Address

Joyce E. Fink  
78 Thamesford Lane  
Williamsville, NY 14221-5964  
Phone number remains the same.

Jennifer Bulger moved.  
No Forwarding address



## Strategic Planning

Barb Carrier conducted a strategic planning work shop for the Board of directors in January. She distributed copies of the Branch's strategic plan for 1995/6 and the New York state strategic plan for 1996/7. Ann Bish also gave a brief talk on the plan she developed in 1989 when she was president-elect. The discussion focused on past activities of the branch and possible reasons why the level of activity is not as high as it once was.

A variety of topics arose which resulted in the following areas being targeted for study: Internal and External Communication; Member Involvement; and Programming. Task groups will be formed to study these areas. It was also pointed out that the 5 Star Program is driving the branch toward new goals. In addition, the Association

and State plans both mention Branch participation and a list of these was also passed out. Another meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 20, 1997 at Judy Bratty's house to continue the work shop.

## Special Notice from the Mollie Fleysher Memorial Music Group

There will be no meeting of the Mollie Fleysher Memorial Music Group in February. Please notify Marie Moody at (662 9628) by February 3, 1997 if you wish to join the groups for the QRS concert March 16, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. Alex Slobodyanik, pianist, will perform at Slee Music Hall on the UB Amherst Campus.

If we do not have enough people who wish to attend the concert, we shall reschedule the April 16th program to March.

### February Branch Meeting

## Nasty Viruses

February 22  
Protocol Restaurant

6766 Transit Road, Williamsville

Just south of Wehrle Drive and just north of the Depew Exit of the Thruway.

Menu (check your preference)

_____	Stuffed boneless breast of chicken	\$11.00
_____	Broiled fillet of Boston scrod	\$11.75

Both include rolls, chef salad, coffee, tea, decaf and ice cream for dessert

Send reservations and check By February 15th to  
Carolyn Iadovito, 8689 Rebecca Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Write checks payable to "Buffalo Branch AAUW"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests



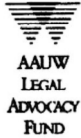
*In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.*



*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.*



*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and possessive societal change.*



*AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for AAUW women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

**Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Marion Fay (836-5660).** This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on January 26, 1996



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